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Editorial

Cutbacks

A sure sign that Summer is coming to an end is the appearance of the back to school offers in the shops. School uniforms and books have to be purchased by hard pressed parents, and the month of August can be a lean month indeed. With the current growth in population in Maynooth, the numbers of children going to school has increased over the years, and there is no doubt that substantial pressure is going to be put on our schools in the near future. With the current cutbacks in government spending proposed, to make up for the shortfall in finances, and the inevitable cutbacks in forthcoming budgets, it is not difficult to predict that the local educational system is in for a rough time. Already, facilities are inadequate, and class sizes are bigger than most parents would find acceptable. There are signs that parents are opting to send their children to alternative schools outside Maynooth. But this option is not necessarily available or desirable to other Maynooth parents. A good education is crucial for the future success in life of all our young people. Parents and politicians alike must be ever vigilant to ensure that the quality of the education offered in Maynooth is of the highest, and that the proposed cutbacks are not used to worsen a system already under pressure.

Misinformation

"It is well known that the Maynooth *Newsletter* is practically Labour controlled".

This statement from a member of a local political party branch (not the Labour Party) was published in the Leinster Leader before the local elections. In response, the *Newsletter* would merely draw attention *once* more to the Editorial Statement on this page.

Minerva's Misery

A brief note to followers of the *Star Blasts* column who may be disappointed this month upon discovering that it isn't included. Due to unforseen circumstances, Minerva Big Dipper Murphy was kidnapped and hauled off to Wexford in mid July. The families of her captors have since received ransom notes from Minerva who somehow or other managed to flabbergast the unfortunate criminals. She is reported to be 'wicked with delight' and will no doubt fill us in on her adventures in next month's horoscope column.

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Community Council Notes

A chara,

On my own behalf and of the 51 other senior citizens who were guests of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club for a wonderful weeks holiday in Mosney, June 22nd to 29th, I wish to say a big thank you. A special word of thanks to Mike Doyle of the Lions Club, Mrs Etna Keane, Straffan and her daughter Bernadette, who spent the week with us and looked after our every need and making our stay so plesant, may God bless you all for your goodness. Also congratulations from all of us to Mike Doyle who was appointed President of the Lions Club, June 30th and what better man could you get for the job.

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Local Agent: Paddy Desmond, Main Street, Maynooth. Tel. 628 6366 It's that time of year again, when the summer is drawing to a close, half the country is on holidays and public activities run by the Community Council have come to a lull. However, the Autumn will bring more fun as we intend to organise another Treasure Hunt and hold another Table Quiz. The Autumn will also see two new sub committees of the Community Council roll into action and the first meeting of the Festival Committee will take place in September.

New Subcommittees

Over the years it has become apparent that a co-ordinated and systematic approach needs to be taken by the community with regard to the future development of the town. There are at the moment a number of hard working committees and organisations working to this end. However, in the light of evidence from other towns throughout the country, it would seem to be necessary to co-ordinate these efforts so that a long term development plan incorporating all aspects of that development economic, social and cultural, could be drawn up for consideration by the relevant bodies. With this in mind a meeting to form the Planning and Development sub committee will be held on September 17th at 8.30 pm in the Community Council offices. This is your chance to have a say in the future development of your town. Maynooth has great potential for the future and if this is to be tapped to the advantage of the community, then it is essential that the community be involved in any future decision making processes. Therefore, any individual or organisation is welcome to become a member of this new subcommittee and can do so by attending the meeting on September 17th. We would stress however that we want working members. Ideas are fine but of no value if they don't translate into action.

Adult Education Sub Committee

Since the demise of M.A.D.E Maynooth has been sadly lacking in adult education provision. With the exception of a few courses (of academic content) run in the college, there have been no adult education courses run in the town for a number of years. People from Maynooth have to travel to either Leixlip or Celbridge should they want to take up a course. This subcommittee has been established to look into the possibility of providing night classes in Maynooth. Should you have any ideas, or were involved in classes over the years, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Harbour Field

By the time you read this all relevant clubs and organisations should have received notification of the booking system for the Harbour Field. This wonderful but under utilized facility was given to the people of Maynooth in trust by the former owner of Carton, the Honourable David Nall-Cain. Two years ago an arrangement was made between the trustees of the Community Council regarding booking of the Field. It is a simple arrangement designed to avoid double booking and confusion. Clubs, organisations etc. should let the Community Council know the dates and times they wish to use the field. This can be done by phone, letter or in person by contacting the office.

Carton

We would like to thank the 4 members of the Carton Committee who attended the Community Council meeting for putting forward their views on the proposed development of Carton by Gleneagles. It was an informative presentation and will be fully considered by the Community Council.

Clubs, Societies & Organisations

Carton Open Days

We wish to thank all who helped in the organisation of the Open Days at Carton. The list is long but a special thanks to Mr & Mrs Mallaghan for opening their house once again for public viewing, and also to their staff.

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Answer: Under the Social Welfare System children are regarded as dependants up to age 18 regardless of whether they are at school, working or claiming a Social Welfare payment in their own right.

Up to now parents receiving long-term social welfare payments continued to receive the increase for school-going children up to age 20 and families on the lone-parents payments continued to receive payment for such children up to age 21.

The new rules which came into effect in July 1991 for child dependants under the Social Welfare System are as follows:

(1) Parents receiving **long-term** Social Welfare payments will continue to receive the increase for school-going children up to age 21.

(2) The payment for children will continue to be paid during the Summer months provided the child is **not** claiming a Social Welfare payment in her/his own right.

Up to now the payment for the child stopped in June and was restored when the child resumed full-time education in the autumn.

In your particular case this means that you will be paid for your 18 year old daughter up to October, even if she does not continue in full-time education, **provided** she is not receiving a Social Welfare payment in her own right.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizens' Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Address: The Library, Main Street, Maynooth.

Office Hours during August: The Library - Friday: 10-12pm and 2-4pm

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May Haren

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The Guild monthly meeting was held on Thursday July 4th 1991. Mary O'Gorman presided. Vote of sympathy was extended to Teresa Mooney on the death of her father-inlaw. May he rest in peace.

Madam President thanked all those who helped at the display of crafts during Community Week.

A reminder to those who wish to take part in the National Brown Bread Baking Competition to bring their cakes along to the Autumn Federation. Meeting in Monasterevan on September 26th 1991 where they will be judged. The winner goes forward to the National Ploughing Championships to be held this year in Partickswell, Co. Limerick.

The Chairperson of the Old Peoples' Committee, Imelda Delaney, thanked the I.C.A. for allowing them the use of the Hall during the year and all members agreed that they have the use of the hall from September as usual.

Madam President reminded all to support our Annual Show which took place in the Post Primary School on July 13th. The monthly competition was a "Madeira Cake".

The winners were as follows:

Mairead Scanlon

2nd Rosemary Hanly

Mary Halton 3rd

The winners of the monthly raffle were as follows:

Anne Dolan

Mary Halton 2nd

3rd Avril O'Gorman

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Thursday, September 5th 1991.

As this was our last meeting until September Madam President wished everybody a very pleasant and enjoyable holi-

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LADYCHAPEL GRAVEYARD RESTORATION GROUP.

On a recent sunny Sunday afternoon mass was celebrated in Ladychapel graveyard. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Supple P.P. and all who helped and attended the ceremony.

The Graveyard is now fully restored and thanks to signposting seldom a day passes without somebody visiting. We ask all who have relatives buried there to keep an eye on their graves and to get the younger members of their families interested and by doing so the maintenance will be ongoing. Kildare County Council have now appointed a caretaker so the records will be kept as from July 1991.

To those who have not visited this lovely place, do so as soon as possible.

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MAYNOOTH WRITERS' CIRCLE

Our members are all beavering away on fact and fiction and hope to publish a book with poetry, prose, short stories etc. this side of Christmas.

We meet every few weeks. A noted author takes our class and keeps us very busy.

There is no doubt that everybody can write and with expert guidance can develop their technique and personal style. Anybody who wishes to join our circle may do so by writing a few paragraphs explaining why they want to write. All material can be left at the Newsletter Office and will be passed on to us.

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OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The annual outing to Bray on June 1st was much enjoyed the weather was kind, the meal excellent and the entertainment provided by Josie and Vincent most enjoyable. We are grateful to them and to all the other entertainers who have given us so much pleasure throughout the year. Our thanks also to Pat Barton for his generosity in providing the coaches. The cabaret evening, which was our contribution to the Maynooth Festival, was also a very successful event, with plenty of crack, food and great entertainment. We would like to thank John and Eithne Carey for letting us hold this event in Caulfields.

The morning sessions resume on Tuesday 10th September and Thursday 12th September. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Ten of our elderly are going on holiday to Kerdiffstown from Sunday 25th August to Saturday 31st August. The generosity of all those who contributed to our fund raising events throughout the year makes this possible.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Leavy who died recently, and also to Mrs Daly and Mrs Higgins who have each lost members of their family during the month. Congratulations to Mrs Kathleen Tracey, formerly of the Main Street who celebrated her 90th birthday in June.

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THE CARTON COMMITTEE

Like most people in Maynooth the Carton Committee is ready to welcome any positive development at Carton, and has examined the Gleneagles proposals with an open mind. However, the more closely the plan was studied the greater our concern grew. We are now concerned that this proposal is wrong for Carton and for Maynooth and that something much better can be achieved. The Committee is lodging a detailed objection with Kildare County Council.

The Gleneagles plan is wrong because it destroys the integrity of Carton House and estate and in its place puts a playground for the super rich. As Frank Mac Donald has said such developments in the Irish Times of early July, developments such as a luxury hotel and expensive golfing and equestrian facilities are beyond the reach of everyone but a moneyed minority. Instead the integrity of Carton can be retained and can be made accessible to all the people of Maynooth, Ireland and elsewhere who wish to see and enjoy

Carton House and demesne represent a unity of landscape and buildings that together form an outstanding example of the Irish eighteenth century Big House and park. Together, house and demesne were developed over the years by the Fitzgerald family and by the skill and labour of the people of the Maynooth area.

Carton also forms part of a larger historical heritage, the town of Maynooth and its environs. The town is essentially an 18th Century creation, a beautiful example of the Irish 18th Century estate village, with its wide tree lined Main Street extending into The Lime Avenue to Carton at one end. At the other end is Maynooth College, also an 18th Century addition and, just outside its gates, the towering ruins of the Geraldine Castle, one of the greatest of all Irish historical castles. With the cross axis leading to the Royal Canal harbour, the whole town forms a unique historical heritage. At this very time a major project to restore Maynooth Castle is being developed by the combined efforts of the Office of Public Works, the community of Maynooth and the College. The Royal Canal and its harbours in Carton and in the town have been lovingly restored by another major project. The future of Maynooth rests with the development of its cultural heritage and tourist potential. It would be sadly ironic if just at this time unwise development at Carton jeopardised this future.

As most people know, the Gleneagles proposal for Carton has been presented as "the last chance for Carton": it is based on the assumption that the only way the heritage of Carton can be saved and restored is through the development of the leisure complex as proposed. The central plank in the development plan is the erection of 188 residential units in the demesne. Through the marketing of these as 'golfing villas' and 'conference units', and the sale of 'demesne residences', the developers will be able to put money into what is posited as 'essential' restoration of the House. In other words, as the planning application states, if you oppose this development you are opposing the conservation of

The Carton Committee takes serious issue with this line of argument:

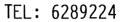
1. It encourages everybody to go to the branch Library in the Main Street and carefully inspect the planing application and its accompanying Environmental Impact Statement. It is clear from this that Carton is in no more danger than any 18th Century House: it is in better condition than most (thanks to the care that has been bestowed on it by Mr Mallaghan). There is therefore no need for any largescale development like the one proposed. Indeed if Carton needs any conservation carried out, an application to the National Heritage Council for assistance is all that is needed.

2. The Gleneagles plan completely undermines the basic unity of Carton by carefully chopping it up into discrete units, wood by wood, section by section: each unit is then examined in isolation and the impact of each development is dismissed as having comparatively little effect. This is absolutely wrong for Carton; the park and House and ancillary buildings must be considered as a unit - that is how they

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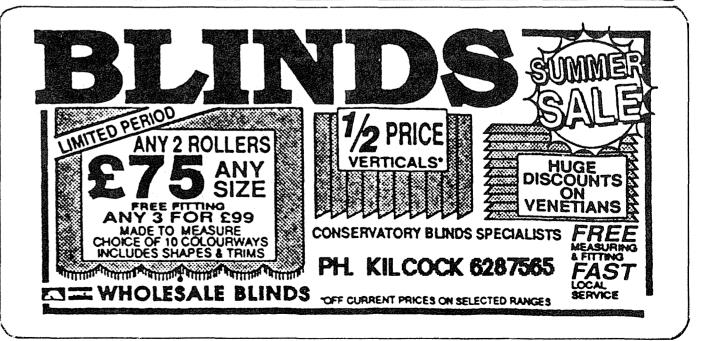
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were planned and built from the outset. The importance of Carton to Maynooth lies in the survival of this unique parkland behind its five miles of intact perimeter wall. To tamper with this legacy in the manner proposed would be tantamount to a betrayal by this generation.

- 3. While the developers say that due care was taken in the design and location of the 200 bed hotel, the fact is that such an extension has to be near the House: people are not going to tolerate long walks to and from the facilities of the House which are marketed as a central part of the Gleneagles Carton 'experience'. The Hotel is a massive intrusion on the architectural heritage of Carton. In spite of tree screens etc., it dominates the House and can in no way be interpreted as a natural development. It obliterates the environs of the American garden, which could easily be restored to its original condition.
- 4. In spite of all the best assurances of the developers, the community should be extremely sceptical of claims of open access, lots of 'downstream' benefits etc. Carton is a legacy that is there to be enjoyed by future generations. It was our ancestors who built Carton by our blood, sweat, tears and rents; are we going to see the place carved up and hired out for sport to the super rich of the world? There is no way that free access will be compatible with two and a half golf courses, with equestrian trails, with expensive housing development. Of course the developers will promise anything! Aren't they trying to get planning permission?
- 5. In spite of claims of this as a 'unique' development, it is just another in a long line of such leisure complexes being opened all over the country. While we can be blinded by the experts and marketing gurus, we are entitled to ask if the market for such developments is nearing a limit. The Local Authorities (Meath and Kildare) must establish that these developments are viable. Because, if not, in a few years valuable heritage landscapes like Carton will be left irreparably damaged. The only saving option left for them will be to sell out to developers with unpredictable schemes, or to sell off their investments piece by piece, thus ensuring the complete destruction of Carton and what it represents forever. In other words, this plan for Carton may be the start of a roller-coaster development over which nobody, neither the community or Kildare County Council will have any control in the future.
- 6. Kildare County Council, to which we have recently elected people to represent our interests, has comprehensively listed many aspects of Carton's legacy for preservation in the County Development Plan. In addition it also zones Carton as agricultural land. Most if not all the proposals in the Gleneagles plan run counter to the Kildare Development Plan and the Carton Committee is urging the County Council to stand by its projections for Carton and Maynooth. In view of this people from Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge should carefully examine the proposals for Carton in the Maynooth Library and submit their concerns to both Meath and Kildare County Planning Offices before 19th September 1991.

The Carton Committee (PJ Duffy, M. Cullen, L. Whittaker, P. Devaney, P. Williams, D. Guinness.)

TO THE PEOPLE OF MAYNOOTH

Some questions and thoughts for anyone interested in the long term quality of life around Maynooth?

1. What's best?

In 20 years time what do we want the international tourist to think of Maynooth as? A beautiful planned village with a beautiful country park or a place where golf tournaments may be held occasionally?

2. Planning?

What type of village do we want to plan Maynooth to be? Do we want a large well planned beautiful village with green belts between ourselves and the towns around us? If the present proposed major development goes ahead in Carton will there not be pressure on the local authorities to grant planning permission for more housing and development in the local area? Must the price of vast alterations to "restore" Carton House (which is standing the tests of time well) be the destruction of the woods by building houses in the middle of the trees and by making the flowing parklands out-ofbounds to ordinary people? Why must so many outbuildings be used for something totally different from their original use. As Dublin is becoming much more aware of the importance of good planning as seen by the recent local elections results are Kildare and Meath to be found wanting?

3. Animals and Birds to live?

Why should birds and animals be evicted from their homes and face possible starvation and death because there is so much of the estate being developed?

4. Can we get in?

Why should ordinary people be allowed so little access to a beautiful area that the hard work of their ancestors helped to create? Why is there only one small pedestrian path included in the new proposals while there are many existing paths and walks? Why will the only path along the Rye River be an equestrian trail open only to those who can afford to use the equestrian centre? If there is going to be as much access as the Developers boldly claim why doesn't the present owner who is involved in this new development open it to the public immediately?

5. Another Country Club?

Do we the people of Maynooth want another Country Club in our close vicinity? Straffan has Kildare Country Club with its bedrooms from £125-£700 per night (Irish Times, Saturday, July 13th), expensive entry fees for the occasional days it is open and life membership of only £125,000. Does a Gleneagles Country Club seem the best use for Carton and how many Maynooth people will feel welcome in a place where a-la-carte meals could be expected to start from around £50?

6. A Park better for Maynooth?

Hasn't Killarney National Park been a great help in the development of Killarney town as major tourist centre? Which would be more likely to tempt a person driving to the west of Ireland to turn off the proposed by-pass - a beautiful country park and house or an exclusive very-up-market golf development? Which type of development would bring most visitors and money into Maynooth Village on an all year round basis? Is it better for business to have a reasonable number of visitors every day than a huge crowd for one weekend? If the developers want to help develop the village of Maynooth why are they opening speciality shops on the

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estate that would be associated with this type of development? A park would bring shops, restaurants and visitors into Maynooth village and create more substantial long term employment. If there was to be sport in Carton would it not be better to have playing fields and public golf and pitch and putt courses for the people of Maynooth.

7. Jobs?

If the developers want to create employment in the Maynooth area why are they building staff accommodation for 120 people on the estate? Why are they going to bus people in from within a 15 mile radius to work here? Is there not a big difference between the employment prospects of Maynooth people living on the edge of Dublin with its large number of unemployed and residents of Aughterarder which is situated in the middle of the country? And yet only 45% of Gleneagles employment in Scotland is local. What will be the quality of the new jobs? What will hours be like? How many jobs will be permanent? Will there be a trade union or any other organisation to protect workers rights?

8. Buy a House?

How many people in Maynooth (or indeed Ireland) will be bidding for the houses being built on the estate and ranging from £300,000 to £500,000? How many people of Maynooth will even be going to visit the people living there as these are being sold on the international market? The developers could be good for Maynooth but why not build on one of the many stud farms for sale locally?

9. Those already there?

What will happen to the families already living on the estate? Are these Maynooth's forgotten people.

10. Legal Problems?

Who will police and watch over these developments during and after construction? Are the developers willing to accept penalties if they or their customers damage this part of our heritage? How enforceable are the covenants they propose with the 188 people who buy houses there? What happens to these convenants if the project doesn't go well and the estate is sold? Will people who pay so much money for their houses not want more control over the grounds surrounding their houses? What will the legal status be of the proposed "forum" between the developers and the community? What is the legal status of the "agreements" that are supposed to exist between the Community Council and the developers; re some special rates for the people of Maynooth? What happens if the people working for those organisations at present start working for someone else?

If you were to meet someone on the Main Street of Maynooth in ten to twenty years time could you honestly say this was the best use we could find for such a beautiful place?

What can I do?

- 1. Go to see Carton and take a map of the plan with you so you can make up your own mind.
- 2. If you want a better solution then please write and object to the local authorities and talk with or write to anyone you think might help.
- 3. If you want to help or need any more information please contact Brian Mc Garvey, 184 Kingsbry (01) 6286292.

Brian Mc Garvey.

Residents' Associations' Notes

BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS' NEWS.

Gratitude is extended by the residents of Beaufield Lawns to

Tony Murray of Lark Homes who has yet again paid for the cutting of the hedge. Pat Travers of Newtown and Liam Brilly of Cluain Aoibhinn are also appreciated very much for

their help.

the following people:

The estate looks a little better this summer as a result of the tree planting in the spring along the main road. Alas the two clean up days have been a disaster. It was left to the few reliables to make an appearance. At present the grass verges in front of many of the houses are overgrown and the verges along the main road are unsightly. Perhaps there are one or two civic minded people among us who might go out for a few hours and tidy up their road without having to be asked.

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

- 1. The "Get-Together" Barbeque took place on Saturday 20th July in the front green, bordering the Straffan Road. It was a great opportunity for residents to get to know each other better, and to welcome new arrivals to the estate.
- 2. The Neighbourhood Watch sign has now been erected near the estate entrance - thanks to Padraig Kearney and John Dolan. We encourage all residents to display the special stickers on their doors and windows - let them know we are on the alert!

The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators have been meeting, and will be chatting to residents during the next month concerning any on-going problems etc. Get to know the coordinators on your road.

- 3. Tidy Estate Competition. Let's all try to keep the estate looking well during the summer months. We appeal especially to the children - enjoy yourselves, but please do not litter and take care of those young trees.
- 4. Thank you most sincerely all you who have paid the membership subscription. Were you out when we called? Our treasurer, Padraig Kearney (No.5) will gratefully receive any further payments.
- 5. A win for Carton Women. Congratulations to Carton Court Womens' Soccer Team on winning the inter-estate competition! Their victory in a closely contested final against the town was well deserved. That the game had to go to extra time shows how well prepared and determined both teams were. Well done, Ladies!

Noelle	Topley
Secret	ary.

COLLEGE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of College Green Residents' Association was held recently at which a new committee was formed. The Officers are:-

Chairperson: Philip Murphy, Secretary: Liz Garry, Treasurer: Sheila Hawthorne, Social Officer: Pauline Kerin, Committee: Cherry Prendergast, Noirin Corrigan, Gerry Long, Deirdre Ralley.

Residents' Associations Notes

The new committee wish to thank most sincerely the outgoing committee for all their work over the last two years. We would like to thank the residents for their excellent response in relation to the collection of subscriptions. We hope that you can notice a great improvement in the appearance of the estate.

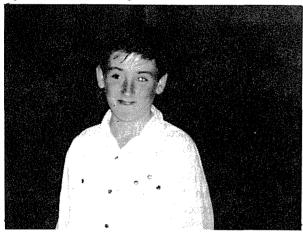
Our Social Officer, Pauline Kerin together with her subcommittee will be organising our annual community day (and night) and they will be fundraising for same in the near future. We look forward to a most enjoyable day as always.

Liz Garry, Secretary.

OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PHASE 3

Well we have done another little bit of planting and I must say it looks quite nice. It is a pity we can not get the Council to do something about the very tall weeds between us and Kingsbry. It is not for the want of asking, we have asked all of the T.D.s who came to our doors but the weeds are still there. I suppose we will have to wait until the next election for results. Well the estate were all off for a day out on the 20th of July. Hope everybody had a great day and that the weather was fine.

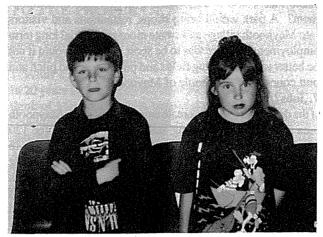
The Disco Competition was a great success. The winners for the 6-10 were Peter Finnen and Orla Gaffney and the winners for the 11-14 were David Nurney (12 years), Joan O'Brien (11 years) and Elizabeth Nolan (13 years).



David Nurney, Aged 12, Disco Winner



Disco Winners -Joan O'Brien, 11 years and Elizabeth Nolan, 13 years.



Orla Gaffney, 8 years and Peter Finnan, 10 years, Disco Winners.

We would like to thank the girls from the *Newsletter* office for picking out the winners.

Ann Kirby, Secretary.

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to our mens' 7-a-side football team who won the community Week inter-estate competition. Also to our team who were successful in the inter-estate pitch and putt. Thanks to the Celbridge House for a great night at the presentation of prizes. However the news was not all good and we would like to commiserate with John Barrett, a member of the 7-a-side team, who broke his ankle in an unfortunate accident in the first match. We wish him a speedy recovery.

As judging will be drawing to a close this month in the Tidy Estates Competition, we request all residents to make a special effort to have the estate looking its best. Litter appears to be a problem at the moment and perhaps parents could ask their children to pick up litter in their area.

The annual golf outing will be held on 31st August at the usual venue. This has proved a very successful and enjoyable event and beginners are always welcome. More details nearer the event.

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Local News

PIPED WATER FOR MAYNOOTH AREA

The long awaited Group Water Scheme for the Mulhussey area on the borders of Kildare and Meath has finally come to fruition when the local organising committee recently received news from the Department of the Environment of the allocation of grants for the project. The scheme which will service over 100 houses and 30 farms over an 8 mile stretch out the Moyglare Road is scheduled to start mid July.

Grants of up to two thirds of the overall cost subject to a ceiling of £600 per house and £400 per farm will be available. In addition the Department of the Environment has approved a special contribution of over £77,000 for the project. When the scheme is installed these grants will no longer apply and late entrants could be asked for up to £1,000 for a connection.

Planning for the scheme first started over three years ago when a pilot survey showed interest following water shortages the previous summer. With the quality of the water in the area not good showing high densities of lime iron clogging up expensive filtering devices and washing machines it is expected there will be a high participation rate and treated water should be a blessing.

Water for the scheme will be obtained from the public mains at Maynooth which uses Liffey water treated at the Leixlip plant. It is a condition of the special grant that the scheme be handed over to Meath County Council on completion and this has been agreed by the Trustees. Kildare County Council have already agreed to take in charge that part of the scheme for the first mile of the scheme in its area.

The organising committee is as follows:

John Mc Elligott, John Sheeran, John Neville, Eugene Mara, John Connolly, Des O' Sullivan, Christy Murray, Sean Lee, Eugene Ferris and Michael O' Keeffe.

John Neville

MR. MIKE SINNOTT, KILMUCKRIDGE (R.I.P.)

Those of us in Maynooth who fondly remember the great days of the Summer Camp in Norriscastle, Kikmuckridge, Co. Wexford, will be saddened to hear of the death of Mr Mike Sinnott (age 92 yrs). Mike was a wonderful, kind, gentle, lovable character who opened his house and land to the campers and their families during the late sixties/early seventies and indeed ever since. Mike has left great memories in all of our minds, which we will always cherish. To his wife Katie and the family our sincere sympathies.

Colm Nelson, (On behalf of Maynooth Campers to Norriscastle).

NEW NORTH KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT

The North Kildare National School Project is based in Celbridge around a group of people interested in establishing a child centred, co-educational and multi-denominational primary school for the North Kildare region. It is hoped that the school will be in existence from September 1st of this year. Because the school will be run by parents rather than than by the parish it will not be able to avail of parish funds which are the mainstay of other primary schools. The committee of the proposed school are therefore involved in

an intensive fundraising campaign to come up with the several thousand pounds necessary for the project. The latest event organised by the group was a duck race on the Liffey in Celbridge on Saturday, June 29th. According to Geraldine Convery, one of the fundraisers. The weather "Was perfect for the event, supplying copious quantities of water which delighted the assembled ducks!" Despite the unseasonal weather, the race was a success, raising around £900 for the project. The first duck over the line was No. 346 (owned by P. Claffey and D. Callagy who won £100 each); 2nd was No. 320 (J. Convery, C. Keenan and F. Baff, each winning £50) and 3rd was No. 214 (owned by G. Daunt and J. Clarke who won £25 each).

For further information, donations or queries, contact Geraldine Convery, 11 The Woodlands, Castletown, Celbridge.

TRIAL DRIVERS' CLUB

On Sunday 25th of August there will be test trials for beginners in Doyle's Mart. It will start at approximately 10.00am with instruction on driving and car preparation. In the afternoon there will be a proper competition open only to holders of R.I.A.C./R.A.C. Competition Licences. Top drivers in this discipline from the Dublin Trial Drivers' Club, will be in attendance to offer advice and instruction to beginners. Open to everyone, so come along and try it out!

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BOOK REVIEW

Mary O' Donnell, Reading the Sunflowers In September

'Our thoughts, our chance words belong to the ocean, drift towards the deep, full of turquoise ease, trawling us from the the sureties of dry land.'

('Triptych')

Though Mary O' Donnell has been publishing poetry in magazines and journals for a number of years, *Reading The Sunflowers In September* is her first collection. It is hard to know how to approach this book - there are a huge number of poems here, over sixty in fact, and it is difficult to know where to begin. The book is divided into four sections. Perhaps a consideration of each part in turn will be helpful.

Reviewers of *Reading The Sunflowers In September* have tended to concentrate on and emphasise what may be called Mary O'Donnell's 'feminist' poetry. To see the book as a 'feminist' book pure and simple, is to seriously undervalue the collection as a whole. There is no denying, however, that Part I of the book concerns itself almost exclusively with what it is to be a woman, with learning 'the part of woman' as the poet herself says in 'Rehearsals', the first poem in the collection. The poems in Part I are beautifully intense, sometimes angry. Thus 'Excision' examines the oppression of women through the terrifying ritual of female circumcision.

'Antarctica', a poem about infertility, can scarcely conceal its despair. The cold, deserted landscape of Antarctica becomes an enduring symbol of the woman's infertility:

Antarctica: The storm petrel hovers; waters petrified by spittled winds: Little fish will not swim here.

Throughout the first part maps are made. The poet explores the territory, learns 'the part of woman', whether it be through reflection on personal experience, or through an empathising with other women, in other countries, as in 'Excision'. These two strands seem to converge in 'Women's Rites' where the poet reflects on 'woman's time', the domestic scene of mother and daughter sharing a cup of tea:

No men to share the rites as we anoint ourselves at the Niger. Inky violet.

The poet identifies herself with the women at the Niger, sees in their rituals and extension of her own rituals, enacted between mother and daughter. The map is completed with great finality as the poet declares 'Crafty women. We know our rites.' The pun 'rites'/'rights' extends the poem into a much wider context. The poet is aware of the challenge she has implicitly set herself. She does no rest in the domestic security of rites and rituals, but is trawled 'from the sureties of dry land' into a wider, much more frightening, sea. The map she has made herself is extended, as in Part 2 of Reading The Sunflowers In September the poet, through adopting various personae such as that of the monk in a

scriptorium, or of a faith healer, a prospector or a state

pathologist, explores the sea she has opened up for herself. Though some poems, such as 'The Old Physician', harken back to the first section of the book, the majority of the poems in this section aim at extending the poet's and the readers consciousness, not so much now as 'woman', but as 'human'. We too are trawled away from the security of ourselves. Many of the poems reflect a struggle towards self-knowledge. That this is difficult is evident.

I realise,
trawling through darkness
on my knees,
that it is not a struggle of equals:
The yield infinitesimally small,
and those bright motes
sometimes glitter slyly, then spit
their sorcery in my face.
("The Prospector")

It is indeed a difficult sea in which to swim.

One part of this struggle is the battle within one's own society, against oppression, against injustice. Part 3 of the book contains poems which comment on and challenge society, a direct extension of what has been happening in the first two parts of the book. Thus 'Atomic Elegy' enacts a type of dialogue where someone from the present speaks with someone from the future, asking questions:

Who will survive? There will be hoards. Hunger will consume them.

However such poems inevitably reflect back on the poet, inevitably back on oneself in society, so that the poet asks whether poems will survive, to be told 'Even books betray.' 'Savingnplatz, Enniskillen' more self-consciously asks questions as to the value of poems, against a background of violence. A poem the poet intends to write about Savignplatz, Berlin, becomes a poem about poems, when the bombing on Remembrance Sunday in Enniskillen, 'like the only honest wound in all my poetry', shocks the poet into questioning the value of words. Poems, the poet concludes, 'explode in the face/ if you think they're friendly animals'. Poems, words, language all become dangerous. The sureties of dry land are left behind, and the dangers of the open sea are exposed.

Part 4 of the book completes the circle in many ways, by returning home having charted the uncharted. In 'Uncharted', the poem which opens this final section, a woman looks back on her girlhood dream of sailing down the Amazon, and 'despite time and distance', finds herself 'well-primed for awkward water'. The poems in Part 4 remind us in many ways of the poems of Part I, but are poems of experience, maturity, no longer angry, no longer numb with the intensity of emotion, but resolute, determined, as in the image of the man running in the final poem in the book, 'God's Pleateaux', to feel the 'world's / kiss at your throat'. We have been 'primed' through the book not to an angry acceptance of the world, but to an acceptance that there will be 'awkward water' which is, nonetheless, negotiable.

Reading The Sunflowers In September is an excellent collection of poetry, a well achieved first collection. A number of criticisms must, however, be made. First of all, as I indicated earlier, the book is far too long. There are far too

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many poems, with the result that not only does the book present rather a daunting task to the reader, but the distractions posed by the less well achieved poems tends to blur the light from the better poems. Secondly, the book is not well designed. The print is unduly large, and the cover is quite gaudy, though its orange colour certainly arrests the eye on the bookshelf! Given these criticisms however I thing Reading The Sunflowers In September is one of the best books of Irish poetry to emerge in the last year or two. Mary O'Donnell certainly deserves Derek Mahon's praise as 'a poet of consequence'.

Richard Hayes

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Teenage Drinking

Eye Hear would like to wish the two young ladies recently observed swilling bottles of wine in the Harbour, in the middle of the day, a happy and prosperous future. However, such a future is probably unlikely, if this is the way they mean to continue. Perhaps parents might keep an eye on the whereabouts of their offspring and also on what they get up to. A healthy walk on the tow path might not be as healthy as it seems.

Pedestrian Unfriendliness

Besides the state of the footpaths, into which we will not enter at this time, Maynooth is a pedestrian unfriendly town. or so one might gather from the layout of estates. There are very few pedestrian short-cuts between and within estates and those which were allowed for in the original plans, or which were created by enterprising pedestrians have been blocked up. An example would be Maynooth Park/Greenfield Drive which are both long roads in parallel to each other, without one pedestrian access point. College Green have seen fit to make it impossible for pedestrians to enter the estate other than through Cluain Aoibhinn.

Because of the lack of pedestrian access, those wishing to go from the Straffan Road area to the Newtown Road area must either mount an assault course over fences and bushes, or walk twice as far over the roads. Not everyone in Maynooth has a car, so how about making it easier for non-polluting pedestrians to move around?

Blast From The Past

Thanks to Gearoid mac Teigheroin for sending us the following answer to last month's question posed in this column. We asked, as a result of discovering a GAA programme, whether or not anyone knew who won in the Children's Sports Day on Sunday, 22nd July 1962. This report is taken from the Saturday edition of the Leinster Leader, 28th July

"The sun shone brilliantly for the final heats of the Maynooth Children's Sports in conjunction with the local carnival, in the Convent Grounds on Sunday afternoon.

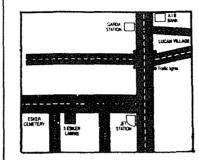
Spectators again turned out in force, and had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Boys 9-12 (1) Seamus Feeney; (2) Adrian Murray; (3) John O' Brien. Girls 12-14(1) June Reilly; (2) Brigid Bracken; (3) Brenda Lettic. Boys 12-14 (1) Gerard Mc Ternan; (2) Noel Redmond; (3) Pat Tierney. Boys 13-16 (1) Noel O'Brien; (2) Gerard Mc Ternan; (3) Oliver Mulligan. Girls (Sack Race) (1) Irene Slattery; (2) Mary Bracken; (3) Theresa Harte. Boys (Sack Race) (1) Thomas Slattery; (2) Paddy Monaghan; (3) Seamus Feeney.

Girls (Egg and Spoon) (1) Brigid Bracken; (2) Catherine Lenihan; (3) Irene Slattery. Boys (Egg and Spoon) (1) Christy Edwards; (2) Paul Bracken; (3) Sean Farrelly. Girls (3 Legged Race) (1) Irene Slattery and Ann Rowan; (2) Brigid and Mary Bracken (sisters); (3) Pauline Timmins and Catherine Lenehan. Boys (3 Legged Race) (1) Noel Redmond and Christy Edwards; (2) Tony Mc Ternan and Michael Fennel; (3) Michael Murphy and Brendan Edwards. Obstacle Race (1) Ted Farrelly; (2) Dan Conway; (3) Kiernan Tierney. Relay Race (1) Gerard Mc Ternan, Noel O' Brien,

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Seamus Feeney, P.J. O' Neill. Girls (220 Yards) (1) June Reilly: (2) Ann Rowan; (3) Catherine Lenihan. Girls (100 Yards) (1) Ann Slattery; (2) Dympna O' Neill; (3) Brenda

Omitted from last week's winners, Boys Tiny Tots, was 1st Bernard Farrelly.

Prizes were presented to the winners by Mr Tom Flood (The Square) who thanked all who attended and helped to make the sports the huge success it was on both Sundays."

Easy Riding in Maynooth

Dreams do come true with 'Harley' any effort as Mr Enda Breslin of Leinster Park discovered recently. For Enda, a local musician of note, won a Harley Davis 883 Sportster in a competition held in the 'Irish Independent' and the 'Evening Herald'.

Enda is a native of Maynooth and attended both the national and secondary school here. He is now a keen musician playing lead guitar and vocals with the 'Running Scared' band who won the 'Battle of the Bands' in this year's community festival. It never rains but it pours, but the skies for Enda are turning blue.

'Running Scared' will be appearing in the Baggot on the 13th of August, Enda however has promised to leave the bike at home. The bike valued at approximately £11,000 was the prize Enda won for correctly identifying Mount Rushmore and creating the slogan "Discover the American Dream and Harley ever walk again". Despite his success Enda, who is unattached romantically, has no ambition to become an advertising executive and intends to concentrate on his musical career.

This was Enda's first competition and he was so surprised at winning he phoned about six times to confirm his win. He received his prize on July 1st outside the Central Bank from representatives of 'Independent Newspaper P.L.C.' and of 'Marketing Network'. It was not until July 5th that he took possession of the bike.



The Maynooth Newsletter would like to congratulate Mr. Enda Breslin on his good fortune and we hope it continues.

GARDA TALK

Vandalism:

What is it? The term vandalism is open to many definitions. However it is generally recognised as wanton destruction or damage, carried out for trivial motives, or because of carelessness or disregard. It may range from the damaged shrub to the more serious breaking of car aerials.

How much does it cost?

In simple terms - a lot of money, from repair to replacement, it affects our environment, and the quality of our lives. This begs the question - Who Pays?

Who Pays the Bill?

We all pay, through higher charges, premium payments etc. Let us take the classic case of the damaged telephone Kiosk. An emergency has arisen, the phone is out of order because of acts of vandalism, and no way to contact the services we need most. The telephone company will repair this phone, but the cost will eventually pass to us. Money spent on repairing things that are destroyed leaves less money to spend on improving services.

Why do people commit Vandalism?

A hard question to answer - some blame the individual, some locate the problem in the way that society is structured, and others point to the sets of values that we hold. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are accountable for their movements at all times. The public in general should take notice, and report all acts of vandalism to the Gardai.

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LOCAL ELECTION REPORT

Overall Results: County Kildare

Despite some significant changes in personnel, the recent local elections did not fundamentally change the overall complexion of Kildare County Council. Compared with the outgoing Council, Labour, the Workers' Party, the Progressive Democrats, and the Green Party each gained one seat at the expense of Fianna Fail (2), Fine Gael (1) and Independents (1). It should, however, be remembered that there had already been a number of shifts in party allegiance among the councillors who had been elected in the previous elections in 1985.

The overall result is that Fianna Fail (8 seats) and Fine Gael (7) between them have majority of the 25 seats on the Council, and therefore have been able to continue the existing arrangement of sharing the Council Chair on alternate years. There is now, however, an enlarged "opposition" consisting of Labour (3), Progressive Democrats and Independents

(2 each), and the Green Party, Sinn Fein and the Workers' Party (1 each). The voting turnout, at 49%, was considerably down on the 56% who voted in 1985, perhaps indicating a growing disenchantment with local government in Ireland.

Celbridge Electoral Area

In the Celbridge Electoral Area (Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Ardclough), the main change was the loss of a seat by Fine Gael to Catherine Murphy of the Workers' Party. Apart from Murphy's strong first preference showing, perhaps the most outstanding feature in this area was Labour's excellent vote management, which brought them within a shout of taking three seats out of five. Thus, Emmet Stagg took 96% of the Labour vote in Celbridge, John Mc Ginley accounted for 88% in Maynooth, and Colm Purcell took 82% in Leixlip. By contrast, Gerry Brady and Bernard Durkan, apart from monopolising the Maynooth votes of their respective parties, also took a substantial slice of the vote in Celbridge and Leixlip.

Brady and Durkan were eventually elected with the help of transfers from their party colleagues. John McGinley, however was unable to depend on such help as both of his colleagues were ahead of him in votes. Despite his very strong showing locally, therefore, he was ultimately beaten by the smaller size of Maynooth compared with Celbridge and Leixlip.

Overall, on reduced turnout of 48% (55% in 1985), Labour's share, at 33.5%, was down very slightly from 34% in 1985. By contrast, Fianna Fail (down from 31.4% to 18.6%) and Fine Gael (from 24.6% to 14.9%) suffered severe slumps in their level of support. The main beneficiaries were the Independent candidates (up from 1.2% to 13.6%) and the Workers' Party (up from 8.8% to 12.9%). The Progressive Democrats and the Green Party, which did not contest the 1985 elections, obtained 3.9% and 2.6% respectively. It cannot be assumed that the drop in support for Fianna Fail and Fine Gael was due entirely to the intervention of Independents and smaller parties, as very substantial proportions of the transfers from the latter candidates went to Labour and the Workers' Party.

Maynooth Breakdown

Maynooth had a very low turnout of only 40%. This was due mainly to the fact that the College was on vacation, as the ballot box covering the college produced a turnout of a mere 22%. Labour's share of the vote, at 40%, was down slightly from 42.3%. This was due mainly to the fact that Independents Fred Leavy and Buggy Horan drew a lot of their votes from the Labour stronghold in Old Greenfield (Leavy in particular got 50 of his 161 votes in this area). Between them Leavy (7.4%) and Horan (3.2%) took one tenth of the total Maynooth vote.

Fianna Fail (down from 25.3% to 19.2%) and Fine Gael (down from 29.1% to 20%) appear to have been hit hardest by the intervention of Independents and minor parties. Apart from Leavy and Horan, the shares of the vote taken by these were as follows: Greens (3.2), Workers' Party (2.7), John

Colgan (2.4), Progressive Democrats (1.2), and Finbarr Kelly (0.8). Labour got its highest share of the vote (49%) in Box 1, which includes Greenfield Drive, where John McGinley lives. Labour also did particularly well in Box 4 (Old Greenfield) and Box 2 (Carton Court, College Green, Cluain Aoibhinn). Fine Gael did best (31%) in Kingsbry, followed by the College box (which also included part of the Town Centre). Fianna Fail also did well in this box, suggesting that vacation times are not good election times for either Fianna Fail or Fine Gael in Maynooth! Fianna Fail also did well in Box 7, a mixum-gatherum of mainly older residential areas.

The Workers' Party got no first preference vote at all in Old Greenfield (embarrassing for anyone who promised their first preference in this area!). On the other hand, they got 8% of the votes in Box 8, containing Railpark, where a nest of supporters of this party had already been identified in previous elections! The Green Party vote was more evenly distributed throughout the town.

It should be noted that voting patterns in local elections are notoriously unreliable as guides to general election voting intentions. For example, Labour did much better in Maynooth in the 1985 and 1991 local elections than they did in the two intervening general elections, while Fianna Fail did significantly worse. Apart from the distorting effect of Independents, who tend to be more numerous in local elections, it may be that many voters make a distinction between who they want to see in national government and who they would like to have as local representatives.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the party analysts will be busy scrutinising the results in search of pointers to their future prospects.

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Features

LOOKING BACK WITH MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

A supply of past *Newsletters* has passed into our hands, and we now take the opportunity to bring back some memories from the August/September issue of 1980. Eleven years ago, the *Newsletter* committee announced the doubling of the cover price from 10p to 20p due, as usual to increased costs. The twenty eight pages of the issue contain advertisements which show the passing of some familiar names in the interim, while some stalwarts soldier on. Who now remembers Mulrooney farm Sales, Dublin Road; T.M. Connolly & Co, Main Street; Mc Elhinney's Man's Shop in Greenfield Shopping Centre? Miss Geraghty was still plying us with ladies' jackets in good condition, tv sets in need of slight repair, and ladies' brown high heel shoes, as well as jam pots. Still with us after all these years, are the Ulster Bank; Gerard Brady & Co; and Caulfield's Bar and Lounge.

The Trustees of Maynooth College had sold 495 acres of farmland for an undisclosed figure, which was considerably higher than £820,000 at which it had been withdrawn from auction. The Rectory on Parson Street had also been sold at auction for a figure considerably higher than the £46,000 at which it had been withdrawn from auction.

The editorial of the day shows the way attitudes have changed over the years. The thorny subject of 'Itinerants' is raised, with some satisfaction that rumours about a possible settlement to be located behind the main Street were untrue. Who would have thought from the fears expressed that eleven years later a successful permanent halting site would be located in Maynooth, with the full support of the community?

Among the events reported were the Greenfield Estate and Carton Court Residents' Associations' Poker Classic, won by P. Cotter from Leixlip, J. Wall, Carton Court and P. Kiely, Greenfield Drive. What did they do with the 150 pounds prizes? Greenfield Residents had their sports day, and needless to report, 'a very pleasant time was had by all'.

Congratulations were extended to Ann Murtagh, Ann Kelly, John Bean, and Thomas Nelson, on their success in the HDip, and to David Moynihan on passing first Accountancy. Joe Murphy, Leinster Cottages and Helen Kenny from Saggart were congratulated on their recent weddings. The stork had visited Larry and Mary O' Brien, Newtown, leaving Joan Linda. Best wishes were sent to Fr. Aodhan Mc Crystal on his speedy recovery from the operation. The families of the recently deceased Bartle Redmond and P.J. Burke acknowledged the mass cards and expressions of sympathy from members of the community.

The Newsletter, even then was a hotbed of political notes, although in those simpler days, there were no Greens, PD's, or Workers Party elements. The then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brian Lenihan, was quoted as thanking Mr. Gerard Brady for his letter about the train stopping in Maynooth. A report of the Labour Party branch meeting is historic in announcing the candidacy in the next general election of Emmet Stagg. Fine Gael reported that Cllr Bernard Durkan had put down a motion requesting Kildare County Council to again consider the Maynooth Swimming Pool Project (some things never change).

That tastefully decorated footbridge which now adorns the bridge on the Straffan Road was awaiting the installation of a handrail for completion. Suzanne Pegley (now living in

Leixlip) appealed for volunteers to help clean up Grangewilliam Cemetery - with the incentive that the old gravestone which read 'Here lies old Joe, and honest man. Say more of mortal if you can. Joseph Foster died 1781 an employee of Carton.' might once more see the light of day.

A lenghty article instructed parents in the art of handing on the faith in the home, while an even lengthier treatise dealt with the issue of education towards freedom.

On the sporting front, the Seven-a-side inter-estate soccer tournament was nearing completion, with Maynooth Park and Carton Court B left to battle it out in the final. The tournament's casualties included that unknown. John Mc Ginley, to whom best wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed. The Maynooth Golfing Society's Captain's prize was won at Athlone by B. Gannon, the best Caddie was M. Cotter, and the Surprize was S. Moore. Maynooth conceded a walkover to Castledermot in the Senior Hurling Championship, as only twelve players turned up; when the understrength (as usual) Maynooth team met Ardclough, the scoreboard read 7-15 to 0-9, and not in Maynooth's favour either! The Soccer Club had its annual dinner dance in Osberstown House on 11th July. The player of the year was Garry Keigher, second team player was Ollie Durack, and third was John Geoghegan.

Watch out for next month when we'll revisit *Maynooth Newsletter*, September 1979.

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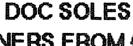
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Kathleen Peppard (Nee Coyne)



The Coyne family, like many Maynooth families in the early part of this century, were poor but very united. Kathleen Coyne, grew up in a very different Maynooth from today. In those days only men could join the band and Dawson's was the main shop.

In those days the children had to collect wood or sticks for the fire everyday, winter and summer. Kathleen remembers often going down the Tollyard Boreen with her brother Gerry and their friends Brigid and Lynn Dempsey. During the winter if the children had to collect sticks during a thunder storm Gerry would make the younger children recite the Rosary.

One day while the children were playing in Carton the game keeper called Jack Kinney, fired a shot at something. Gerry was outside the wall and when he heard the noise he immediately thought Kathleen had been shot. He ran home to tell his mother who was horrified to hear her daughter had been shot by the game keeper. Poor Jack did not know what hit him when Mrs. Coyne attacked him for shooting her daughter. Neither did Gerry when the truth was discovered!

Kathleen also remembers going to the college to buy dripping from the Burser for 6d (old pennies) a lb. And that was as much money as children got in their Christmas stockings along with an apple and an orange.

While still at school Kathleen worked part-time for Mrs Carr who kept a guest house for the shop assistants who worked in Dawson's. It was there Kathleen learned the basics of catering such as how to set a table, how to serve food and how to make a bed. Kathleen also remembers working for the school teacher Mr Keys looking after his children. Kathleen left school at 14 and went to work in a private nursing home in Fairview in Dublin. After which she moved to the Westbrook Hotel in Parnell Square in Dublin. Her wages there were 10 shillings or 50p per week. She got every second Sunday off and returned to Maynooth with a bag of sweets for her younger brothers and sisters. She also handed up 1 shilling to her father and 2 shillings to her mother. Kathleen hit the big time during the war when she returned to Ireland, from England, for a year. During this time Kathleen earned the princely sum of £1 per week while working in the Hibernian Hotel in Grafton Street, since pulled down. Food in those days was also different and how many young people to-day would fancy eating a pig's cheek which was a delicacy when Kathleen was a child? Another favourite meal was rabbit boiled or roasted They were bought at the door for a shilling and skinned by the woman of the house. Irish stew was the staple food at the time. Kathleen asked that we remember the neighbours with whom the Coynes shared so much, particularly Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs Coffey and Mrs Connolly who assisted at the births of

all the Coyne children. Only two of the Coyne children are left in Maynooth, Mr Gerry Coyne and Mrs Imelda Farrelly. Kathleen herself is now living in Chelsea in London with her husband Paddy Peppard from Mullingar. They have two sons Brendan and David, and three grandchildren. Both her sons live in Australia where Kathleen visited for a month. But she prefers to come home to Maynooth to her brother Gerry and sister Imelda.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mrs Mona Murphy of Leinster Park was delighted last month to discover a robin had made a nest in her garage and had laid four eggs. Mrs Murphy is a life long friend of birds and this year her kindness was rewarded.

The Robin Redbreast orto give it its scientific name "Erithacus Rubecula" is famed for its friendly familiarity. Its original habitat was the decideous high forest, but medieval coppice management in Ireland and England encouraged it to adapt to a wide variety of habitats, woodland, hedgerows and domestic gardens. The robin is traditionally associated with woodcutters and their families and is now the national bird of England.

The Robin has a plaintive warbling song which is heard all year round, particularly in the spring at dawn and dusk. It is a bird which nests all year round and often its song is the only one heard in the winter woodland. The fact that it remains throughout the winter combined with its distinctive plumage has led it to being associated with Christmas. The story of how it got its red breast from the blood of Christ as it tried to pull the thorns from his head as He hung on the cross again indicates the fondness with which the robin has been traditionally held.

Despite the robin's overt friendliness, it is notoriously shy about its nest. The nests are usually built near the ground in hedgerows or banks of a canal or river. In the wild a nurturing bird will not go near the nest if humans are around, so Mrs Murphy is doubly blest, first because the Robin chose to make her nest so close to Mrs Murphy and her family and second because it continued to tend the nest despite Mrs Murphy and her family's comings and goings through the garage. A tribute to Mrs Murphy's charm with wild birds.

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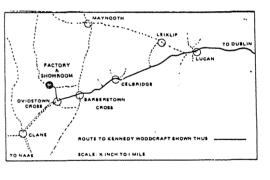
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Property Values

Maynooth in the past has been a market centre, a university town and a way of getting to and from the West. In the last twenty or so years Maynooth has changed radically. First the College opened its doors to lay students, then the car enabled people to travel to and from Dublin easily. People have begun to settle, and this along with Maynooth's own young people wanting to settle here, has ensured that Maynooth's property market will continue to be buoyant.

The property market in Maynooth is not only buoyant, it must also cater for a broad range of needs and financial abilities. Unfortunately it is mainly private sector development as the government continues to abdicate its responsibilities in this area.

At the upper end of the market (areas such as Moyglare Meadows, Leinster Park, Parson's Lodge and Manor Court Apartments), buyers could expect to spend in excess of £100,000 approximately. At the other end of the market, one bedroomed apartments could cost approximately £35,000. These prices compare with Dublin so Maynooth is not a cheap alternative to Dublin.

For first time buyers, houses in estates such as Meadow Brook or Moyglare Village could cost as much as £46,000 approximately. Maynooth is an attractive place to live for those that can afford these prices because it retains much of its rural charm and because of a good public transport system, which has been improved recently. The same of course cannot be said for the roads.

Maynooth can expect to expand in the near future. There are already two new sites which are about to be developed and which lie between Bond Bridge and Mullan Bridge, close to the railway. And to cater for this expansion, the Southside Sewerage Extension scheme is about to commence. This upsurge in development has led to the cost of land zoned for development to increase. Land zoned for development could cost £25,000 per acre depending on its location and type. This compared to £3,000 per acre, which land zoned for agriculture would cost, is a very persuasive argument for a farmer to sell potential sites.

Street Talking would like to thank Mr Gerard Brady of Gerard Brady and Co., Main Street, Maynooth, for supplying the above figures and would like to stress they are in all cases only approximations. Next month Street Talking hopes to look at the rented sector in Maynooth.

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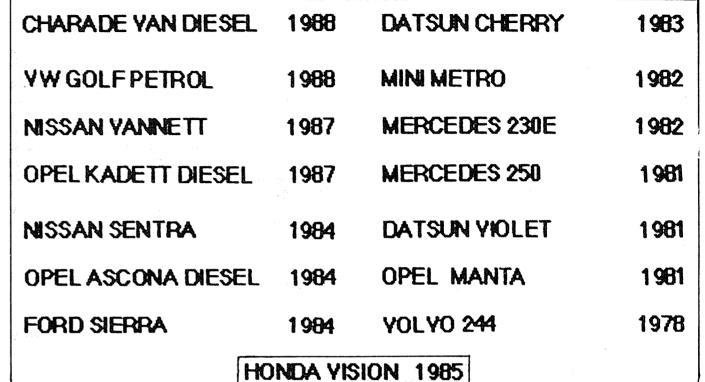
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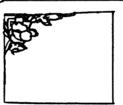


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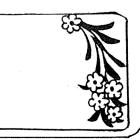
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A.S. Byatt: Possession: A Romance

For those who like detective stories with a difference. There's a body all right, but the objective of the search is a romance between two poets, which took place some one hundred years before, and the searchers are an assortment of academics.

David Lodge: Small World

Another academic novel, which sends up the conference circuit in hilarious fashion. The 'hero' is Persse mc Garrigal, lecturer in English in the University of Limerick. A wicked take off.

Patricia Scanlon: Apartment 3B

Ideal beach fodder. Full of Dublin references for the home sick traveller. The author, a Finglas librarian, settles a few scores with librarians she has known, and also makes a case for the independent woman. Keep a pen and paper handy to keep track of the characters and plot lines.

Mary O' Donnell: Strong Pagans

Always bring a collection of short stories, to be read on short train journeys, while waiting for buses, for the bar to open, your hair to dry. No need to remember plots and characters as each changes from on e story to the next. This is a good mixture, and the 'Adulteress' will remind Maynooth residents of what they're missing from home.

Evan S. Connell: 'Mrs Bridge' and 'Mr Bridge'

Filmed by Merchant/Ivory productions earlier this year as 'Mr and Mrs Bridge' these two novellas have been published together in one volume by Picador. They are two of the most beautiful works of fiction to have emerged from the United States in over twenty years. In them, Connell recounts the story of a marriage through the eyes of the wife and then the husband and manages to create an unforgettable portrait of middle class America through the forties and fifties. Each novel is comprised of a series of short vignettes which wryly describe significant instances in the mundane lives of the Bridges. Their story is by turns funny, ironic and devastating. They are novellas which haunt the reader, leaving her/ him with the impression of having been hauled through the most intimate privacies of America and feeling awfully sympathic.

Fritjof Capra: 'The Turning Point'

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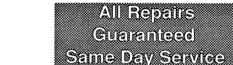
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Crossword No. 45

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Across

- 1. Tabby tries to arrange a childminder (4-6)
- 7 & 8 While minstrels are playing for drinks in Maynooth (8,4)
- 9. Pay these to North Kildare Club, the residents' associations, and standins (4)
- 10. Circle around sin that'll make you clean (7)
- 12. It winds from Maynooth to Dublin five-and-a-half dozen, plus one 9 coming back (5-3,3)
- 14. Confine, or take legal possession of (7)
- 16. A cone! A cone! that's two you can getin a nice sweetshop (4)
- 19. Jumper suitable for wet conditions (4)
- 20. Item of clothing changed to a cover (8)
- 21. Trust men in confusion, but as heard in Maynooth it will be brass or reed (10)

Down

- 1. Pints on sale in 7,8 (5)
- 2. 21-players fight? A container for hats etc (4-3)
- 3. A building plot for sore eyes, by the sound of it (4)
- 4. Fantastic! Frightening? (8)
- 5. Inter course leads to these for boys and girls, with results months later (5)
- 6. Sad men make compensation (6)
- 11. Passing away in the open air is becoming uncommon (5,3)
- 12. The first part of 2, playing their 21s, is named after her (2,4)
- 13. Bile cyc around for transportation (7)
- 15. Groan? This can make a much nicer sounding 21 (5)
- 17. Tar in the street? For the 12 Across it's in the Square in Maynooth (5)
- 18. Some nun holds this in the Country Shop Restaurant possibly (4)

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Solution to Crossword 44

Across: (1) Canal (2) Suburb (9) Workers (10) Party (11) Open (12) Dragons (13) Rye (14) Whoa (16) Easy (18) And (20) Parking (21) Shut (24) Crown (25) Library (26) Stroll (27) Ended

Down: (1). Cowboy (2). Nerve (3). Leek (5). Unplaced (6). Uproots (7) Boyish (8). Aside (13) Rational (15) Harbour (17) Spices (18) Agile (19) Stayed (22) Heard (23) Able

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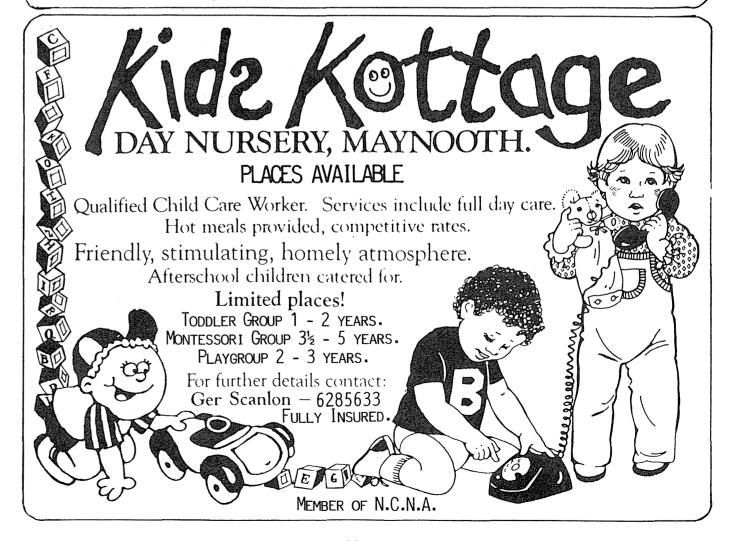
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Carton Folly

From this low hill where milch cows graze A lush green spread of rolling parkland, Uniting woods, lake, bridge, And great, symmetric, Cassels house, Holds the Eighteenth Century intact. Lords and ladies strolled at leisure here, Planned their gardens, climbed their folly. Enjoyed the view of village spire. The spacious, pastoral landscape Stretching gloriously away to soft blue mountains Rising above the hidden city . . . And though we may deplore their self-absorption, The folly built by ragged workmen, Never again shall we possess their power and means To gentle nature to the artist's vision -But we have mastery too: Red and white ranging poles Stick up from the grassy pastures Like banderillas from a glistening bull; The sun is bright and May is full; Soon the poised sword will hush the crowd.

P. O' Duibheannaigh

Dance in Rings

The wind howls haunting through the trees, And the cold enchants the mind With echoes of the distant past. The memories walk a very thin line, The shadows drift with airy dance And feelings dance in a mindless trance. The seasons wave farewell to all And once again they rise and fall. The changing feelings seasons bring Remind us all we dance in rings.

Martin O' Brien

'Life'

Once upon a time an old man walked into a valley, somewhere he had never ventured to go before and somewhere he felt certain would never return from.

The beauty of the valley was so enticing that he continued on in search of what, he didn't know. The bare trees sent shivers up his spine but the magic of the multi-coloured carpet of leaves urged him to go forth into the depth of the valley. He followed the river on and on until he came to a fork in the valley where millions of years ago during the ice age two glaciers must have joined together. The question was which one to take, the path to a new life on the merry-go-round or the other path to a new life on the roller-coaster.

He chose the path to anew life on the merry-go-round as he liked the look of that path better than the other. What a foolish old man! His new life after death would be boring as he would have none of the normal ups and downs of life and soon he would grow to hate his existence.

I, myself a wise old oak have seen many a person approaching the fork in the valley and choosing a new life and would

love to whisper in their ear which path to take, but, for fear of being banished from my beautiful plot on the valley-side by Mother Nature, I have to remain silent.

So, which path will you choose when your time comes? And remember I won't be able to guide you as I will be driven away from my life in my plot on the valley-side if I dare to.

Belinda Byrne (age 14), Barrackstown Stud, Maynooth.

'The Moment of Truth'

It was a bitter cold night. The moons ray shone on puddles which reflected and glistened on the windows of cars as they zoomed by. The trees swayed from side to side in the gently chilling breeze which rustled the leaves around.

Suddenly it seemed like an evacuation. People ran everywhere. It also seemed that as soon as they saw me they ran into their homes. I looked into a puddle.

"Yep" I thought "Its the same handsome face I saw in the mirror this morning."

So I strolled on to the shop. on up the road cars were abandoned. When I arrived at the shop it was open but empty. So I boldly sneaked into the shop, got the milk, left the money on the counter and stole out of the shop. I raced home splashing myself once or twice in the dirty muddy water, that lay here and there on the wet dented footpath. On my way the cars were still abandoned, but there were more. Then the silence was broken as two motorcars zoomed around the corner, and whamed into each other as they were blocked by the hundreds of cars abandoned on the road. A little argument broke out between the two drivers, but was soon broken up as a small announcement crackled over the radio. Then they ran off into a house. When I reached home our car was still there. I raced up to the door and banged on it about twenty times before it was opened. I stumbled inside panting for oxygen. When my lungs were filled I mumbled in a few words.

"What is going on?"

The reply was,

"hush".

Everybody's eyes were fixed on the television. So were mine when I saw the Pope appearing on the screen. Mum muttered,

"This is it, the moment of truth is about to be revealed". I stepped inside the sitting-room with my eyes still fixed on the television. I lay on the floor. There we sat and stared as the pope cleared his throat to make the biggest announcement ever in history,

"I am here today to announce the secret that was told to St. Bernadette by our Lady, and was passed on from pope to pope."

He then opened a piece of paper and began to read the message in front of the whole world which waited in suspense.

"On the 25th of January 1991, 20th Century, at 11pm (tonight), Death will pass over the earth leaving it life-less." The world stood in fear and quiet with shock. Not even the wild moved as mother nature had told them of death. Songs and holy hymns were sung for the world. A half an hour went by and we were told to be found asleep, probably lifeless and never to see morning again. But morning did come and we awoke to have life in us.

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"Hurray" echoed around the world," we're alive," and God decided to give us a second chance.

Declan O' Rourke (age 11)

Stella's Return

"What do you expect to get in England that you cannot get better here? You have a good home, friends in plenty, a nice secure position right on your doorstep so to speak."

"All that is true Mum,, but I feel I need a change. Nothing exciting ever happens here."

"Excitment!" roared her father. "What kind of talk is that? You are not hindered from going to any amusements you want, where you meet people whom you know. How do you hope to enjoy yourself all alone in London?"

"It's no use Daddy, you will never understand."

Stella left the kitchen where the argument had taken place. Nearly all her contempories had gone to London within the last year. True, some of them went because they could not get employment here. For the past three years she had been clerk in the local post office. At the weekends she helped her mother in the small grocery shop which she kept. Her father was busy on the small farm attending to the livestock and the various other duties involved. Her brother Brian was doing a course in Journalism. He went into the city in the morning and returned in the evening. He too lent a hand at the weekends. Tom Maloney was a well-built fresh complexioned man in his fifties. His wife Eileen was a very pretty woman in her late forties. Both were very upright honourable and hardworking people. The family was well respected. Their pretty, clever and good humoured daughter was the apple of their eyes. Their son was a handsome strapping lad of twenty two years. He was rather dreamy and "up in the clouds" his father often said. The pretty village on the outskirts of which they lived was situated about twenty miles from Dublin. Stella loved her home, loved the green fields, the walks in the country lanes, or along the banks of the river, but she felt there was a big world out there waiting to be explored. Her aspirations in this connection did not carry her any further than London. She had served up her notice in the post office. The post master had assured her that if and when she returned her job would be hers for the asking. She told herself it must be now or never.

She decided to break away without farewell. It would be better than an argument and tears. She loved her parents and brother dearly.

So on this Monday morning in early March she had her suitcase packed and slipped it out quietly to the back of her brother's car. She went out the front door with him and said she wanted a lift as far as O'Connell Street.

"Who are you visiting in Dublin?" Brian enquired.

"I am not visiting really", Stella replied. "I have some business matters to attend to", where upon she promptly asked about his journalistic studies knowing he would be carried away when he once got going on that subject. When they reached O'Connell Street she took her suitcase, leaned over and kissed her brother. "Good Luck with the studies", she called and tripped away, mingling with the crowds. She went to the travel agents, purchased her ticket, then to the bank to change her money. She browsed through the shops, bought some magazines, and later went to a restaurant and

had some lunch. She made her way to Westland Row. Anyone who has made this journey knows all too well the hassle and fatigue to be endured queueing up at dun Laoghaire and Holyhead.

By the time Stella had arrived at Euston, a new day had dawned. London at last! As she gazed upon the grey sky, the crowded streets where none passed the time of day, a feeling of utter loneliness swept over her.

"This must stop", she told herself.

She went to the information office to enquire if there were any Guest Houses nearby. She felt so in need of a wash and brush up, not to speak of rest. The busy attendant told her to look around outside. She had no information to hand just then.

After what seemed miles of walking she came upon a house with a notice in the window, "Room to Let". She rang the bell. The door was opened by a middle-aged woman with a pleasant face, "Good morning, I see you have a room to let and I am seeking accommadation", said Stella. "Yes" the woman replied, "It has been vacant since last Friday. Come inside". The room to which she was taken was upstairs looking out on a tiny back garden. It was spotlessly clean as was the rest of the house. Stella was glad to take the room at the amount requested. She explained to Mrs Jackson that she did not know how long or short she would be needing it as she had to find employment. Having rested, freshened up and eaten a meal she set out to look around. In the employment agency there were jobs of various kinds from domestic help to waitresses and shop assistants. There was an ad for an assistant in a newsagency/confectioners in Woodgreen at the tube station. Stella applied and was lucky.

One Sunday morning coming out from mass in the church at Woodgreen she came face to face with a young man whose family lived only two miles from home. "Well", he said, "fancy meeting you here!". It was Eamonn Wilson.

"I am equally surprised to meet you here", said Stella, "I thought you were in Maynooth".

"Ileft there in January. I felt I had mistaken my vocation. On the advice of my spiritual director, I decided to leave. I did not return home, I am employed in London Transport at the moment. By the way, have you written home? Your people are advertising for news of you." He drew from his pocket a newspaper cutting asking for information of a missing girl giving her name and address. Them followed a description: Aged 20; height below the medium; slim; black hair; lustrous black eyes; pale face; regular features; unusually sunny smile.

When Brian had returned home, it was to find his parents wondering where Stella was. She had not been home at lunch-time, nor had she been seen around all day. When he told them he had parted with her on O'Connell Street and that she was carrying a suitcase, his father asked did he not find out where she was going.

"I thought she was going shopping."

"Going shopping carrying a suitcase; In my fifty odd years on this earth of all the idiots that have crossed me or come sideways at me, this is the crowner of them all!"

Two weeks had elapsed since the foregoing. Stella, filled with remorse, realised what dreadful anguish she must have caused her parents. She returned to her room and wrote a very loving and apologetic letter home, begging forgiveness and understanding. That evening she went walking in the

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grounds of the nearby Alexander Palace. As she looked down on the vast sea of lights some lines she had read somewhere passed through her mind. She repeated them to herself:

"O cruel lamps of London,

If tears your light could drown,

Your victims eyes would weep them,

O lights of London town!"

There flashed upon her mental vision a picture of home, the faces she loved best. She did not want to give in - not yet a while

"A penny for your thoughts", said a voice behind her. She turned to find Eamonn Wilson.

"Money could not buy them", she replied.

They fell into step. They found they had much to talk about. He, too, was yearning for his home in the Emerald Isle.

When Stella's letter reached home, it brought a great feeling of relief. Then started a litany. Eileen cried "what came over her at all?". Tom cried, "She got too much of her own way". The fact that she was looking after herself had her mother worrying lest she should not be getting enough nourishing food. Her father contended she might return all the more quickly if so.

A few days later, a neighbour came into the shop. She asked for news of Stella. She said her daughter was going over to visit friends in Winchomre Hill. Mrs Maloney siezed on the opportunity of sending some provisions to Stella. Tom was listening in the kitchen. He heard the items being listed into a box - bacon, butter, cheese, fresh fruits, etc. "Its a good job I know nothing about this".

The months passed. Stella wrote home often now. All the correspondence was between herself and her mother.

As Christmas approached Tom could not bear to think of her alone over there, nor of her vacant place here - so he sat down and penned a few lines:

"My dear daughter,

As Christmas is approaching, I ask you to return home. We need your help here, but most of all we need *you*. Your loving Dad".

Three days before Christmas Stella was waiting on the platform at Euston for the train to take her on the first stage of her journey home, when she saw walking towards her, Eamonn Wilson, suitcase in hand. He, too, was returning home. He had obtained a teaching post only a few miles from home. They journeyed together and by the time they reached Dun Laoghaire they had decided that they would be happy to spend their lives together. They arrived together at Stella's home. They were joyously received. As they sat around the table Eamonn said, "Stella means a star". Tom looked up, "It's no wonder she went chasing after stars", he said,

"But Daddy", Stella said, "I did have to go to London to find my real star", as she gazed adoringly at her young handsome and gallant fiance.

Brigid Saults (Mrs), 9 Parson Street, Maynooth.

Political Party Notes

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Great Local Election Victory

Catherine Murphy's powerful performance in the elections to Kildare County Council was a direct result of many years of hard work by the Workers' Party, especially in the Leixlin area. Ably assisted by a dedicated team of party workers, Catherine has spearheaded a series of campaigns which focused on bringing the political process direct to the doorstep. This was done in the form of a number of petitions and opinion surveys which allowed ordinary residents to directly express their views on a range of issues of public concern. One such survey led directly to the extension of the 66 bus route to the Confey area. Other petitions and surveys dealt with the need for pedestrian crossings, Post Office facilities, land rezoning proposals in the area between Leixlip and Lucan, and the state of roads and footpaths. The Workers' Party in Leixlip also distributes a regular newsletter which keeps residents informed of local issues and developments. including the business of Leixlip Town Commission. This emphasis on keeping the community both informed and involved has clearly produced a very popular response, as indicated by the election results.

On Kildare County Council, Catherine Murphy will refuse to get involved in the Ballymagash-type antics which tend to characterise this institution and which do nothing for the reputation of local government in Ireland. Instead she will seek to champion the key issues which are of major concern among the citizens of the county.

At county level, Catherine Murphy will seek to reverse the situation whereby Kildare gets the lowest government support grant of any county in Ireland. She will also seek the immediate abolition of service charges (which would be unnecessary if Kildare were to get even the average level of government grant). Catherine will further seek a commitment from Kildare County Council that no tolls will be levied on any roads, present or future, in the county. She will also move an early resolution to have the "Thing" in the Square in Maynooth removed.

Catherine Murphy, of course, is also available to help individuals and organisations throughout the Celbridge Electoral Area (including Maynooth). She is available at 6244903 and welcomes all enquiries.

As a final note concerning the elections, we would like to express our gratitude to the people of Maynooth for their courteous and friendly response to our canvassers during the course of the elections campaign.

Charter of Women's Rights Launched

The National Women's Committee of the Workers' Party launched a Charter of Fundamental Rights for Mna na hEireann on Midsummer's Day. This is one of a number of events to mark the Party's designation of 1991 as The Year of the Woman.

The ten basic rights enunciated in the Charter are as follows:

- * A basic independent income for all;
- * Decent living accommodation;

and all forms of discrimination.

- * A clean and healthy environment;
- * Prompt access to high quality health care;
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The Charter sees these as necessary steps to true human and economic liberation, and calls on all progressive women and men to dedicate themselves to achieving these goals. The Charter is in the form of a beautifully designed wall chart. If interested in acquiring a copy, call 6285241.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Election

Bernard Durkan and the members of the Maynooth Branch wish to thank all the electorate of Maynooth for the patience and courtesy shown to them during the canvass leading up to the local elections. We wish to thank those who supported our candidates enabling Bernard to retain his seat on the Council. Bernard will be continuing with his weekly clinics at the Roost each Saturday at 2.30 pm. All those who wish to consult him may contact him there and are assured that their problems will be dealt with promptly and confidentially.

Branch Meetings

Meetings have been suspended for the Summer months and will recommence on Tuesday 24th September at 8.30 pm in the I.C.A. Hall. Those wishing to join the branch are welcome to attend.



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Sports News

MAYNOOTH GAA

Under 16 football

During the month of July, action on the Under 16 front has been confined to the Championship. In the 1st Round. Maynooth easily accounted for Round Towers from Kildare Town. The final score was Maynooth 0-14 Round Towers

Maynooth produced their best football so far this year to beat a strong Clane team in the 2nd round played in Rathcoffey. Maynooth were victors with the score 1-15 to 1-4.

Maynooth opened with the assistance of the wind and at halftime had put over 13 points to 1 point for Clane. Feature of the first half was the accurate shooting of our forwards and centrefield.

Clane's hopes of making a comeback with the wind behind them in the second half were short lived when Maynooth cracked home a goal after the restart. Our defence withstood anything Clane had to throw at them and when they did manage a score we replied at the other end. We are now through to the semi-final and await the winners of Athy - V-Suncroft.

Maynooth Team:-

T. Fay, P. Hogan, A. O'Shea, G. Kelly, O. Nevin, M. Meally, M. Halley, E.Lyons, K.Killoran, P. Garvey, D. Fleming, M. Donnelly, H, Nevin, A. Noonan, T. Farrell.

Subs: P. Leacy, P. Flood, A. Hassett, Paul Flood, B.O'Neill.

Minor football

Our minor team went to Leixlip on 16th July to play John Devoy's (Kill & Ardclough) in the first round of the Championship. The appointed referee failed to turn up at the venue so the game was not played. A new date will be fixed by County Board.

Under 14b football

Our second string at Under 14 level have been defeated in their first two matches against very strong opposition in Moorefield and Sarsfields. This is no disgrace when taking into account that the vast majority of the panel will be young enough to play Under 14 again next year. We look forward to getting on the winning trail in the coming games against Leixlip and Na Fianna.

M.O'Rourke has been sound in goals. While M. Turnelty, R. Darcy, D. McCarrick, M. Bennett, G. Meally, D. Coughlan and W. Gannon have defended stoutly. D. Walsh and I. Conlon have played will at midfield up front D. Buckley, S. Brennan, P. Carroll, K. Murphy, R. Davis, S. Cahill, B. Mooney, O. Nevin, B. Folen, and M. Byrne have shown plenty of potential in the art of scoring.

1st team football results etc

1. Maynooth 1.12 Caragh 11pts (Challenge - Away) Scorers: - Johnny Nevin 1.2; Eoin O'Neill 2pts;; Killian Fagan 2pts; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Joey Edwards, Pascal Ennis, Mick Kelly and Liam O' Toole 1 point each. Man of the match: - Mick Kelly at right half back

2. Maynooth 1.6 Clane 3.11 (Challenge - Home) Scorers: - Killian Fagan 1.0; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Johnny Nevin, James

Gilligan, Joey Edwards and Mick Kelly 1 point each.

3. Maynooth 2.13 Ballykelly 1.5 (League - Away), Scorers: - Seanie Molly 1.7; Eoin O'Neill1.1; Pascal Ennis 2pts; James Gilligan 2pts; Joey Edwards 1pt.

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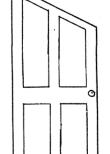
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Sports News

Man of the match: Seanie Molly at left half forward.
4. Maynooth 3.6 Celbridge 5pts. (Celbridge tournament)

Scorers: - Killian Fagan 1.2; Colm Feeney 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 1 goal; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Eoin O'Neill and James Gilligan 1 point each.

Man of the Match: - Michael O'Farrell in goal.

5. Maynooth 12 points Straffan 1.6 (Ardclough Tournament)

Scorers: - Eoin O'Neill 4pts; Seanie Molly 4pts; Johnny Nevin 2pts; Liam O'Toole and Joey Edwards 1 point each. Man of the Match: - Johnny Nevin at right half forward.

6. Maynooth 3.7 Summerhill 1.7 (Challenge - Home) Scorers: Eoin O'Neill 1 goal; Joey Edwards 1 goal; Dave Corcoran 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 2 points; Seanie Molly 2 points; Killian Fagan, Liam O'Toole and John O'Toole 1 point each.

Man of the Match: - Johnny Nevin at left half forward. With 4 games left in the league Maynooth are joint top with Eadestown. Castledermot, Two-Mile-House and Sallins are in hot pursuit with Maynooth yet to play both Castledermot and Sallins away from home. With only 3 teams being promoted there is going to be a hectic scramble for the top positions over the remaining fixtures.

Under 10 and Under 12 Football. North Kildare Area League Under 10

Maynooth 9 pts Celbridge 1.1

Scorers: - David Campbell 3pts; Karl Ennis 2pts; Trevor Naughton 2pts; William Farrelly and Jody Connolly 1 point each

Under 12

Maynooth 1.6 Celbridge 4.7

Scorers: - John O'Shea 1.3; Barry Connolly 2 points and Declan O'Rourke point.

The Under 10's are involved in a play-off with Leixlip (St. Mary's) to determine the winners of the League. the Under 12's have gone out mainly due to never fielding at full strength in any of their games.

Community Festival Week.

Four teams drawn from the Club's Saturday morning coaching sessions participated in the recent Community Week. The teams were captained by John O'Shea ("The Bushwhackers"), Darren Naughton ("The Hulksters"), Niall Byrne ("The Nasty Boys") and Adrian Boylan ("The Rockers"). In the 1st semi-final "The Bushwhackers" just pipped "The Hulksters" by a single point while "The Nasty Boys" had five points to spare over "The Rockers" in the second semi. The final was played in the Harbour Field on Sunday June 23nd as part of the activities to bring down the curtain on Festival Week. In it "The Bushwhackers" praved too strong for "The Nasty Boys" and emerged victorious on a scoreline of 5.10 to 3.8.

Best for "The Bushwhackers" were John O'Shea, Eoin Nevin, Keith Fleming, Karl Ennis, Aidan O'Brien, Thomas Halton, Donal Smith and Patrick King while Niall Byrne, Barry Connolly, Pierce Ryan, David Campbell, Sean O'Flaherty and Alan Geoghegan played their hearts our for "The Nasty Boys".

Following the game the winning captain John O'Shea was presented with "The Cup" - a magnificent new trophy donated specially for the event by Conway and Diggins Construction - and the remaining members of the team were

presented with their medals by John McGinley, Chairperson of the Community Council.

Football Summer Camp.

From July 15th to 19th over 100 Maynooth players between the ages of 8 and 14 took part in a Summer Camp arranged by the Kildare G.A.A. Supporters Club. The venue was the Club grounds on the Moyglare Road which was literally swamped by young players anxious to pick up useful tips from the coaches involved i.e. Tommy Carew, Brian O'Keefe, Martin Lynch, Shane Daly, Glen Ryan, Noel Donlon, Eaman Costello and Shane Donoghue. All agreed it was a very worthwhile exercise which we hope will be repeated in the near future.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

At a well attended A.G.M. held recently plans for season 1991/92 were laid out and the new committee chosen to look after matters have pledged 100% effort to bring the club on a par with other clubs who have attained great success recently

Officers and Committee elected for season 1991/92 are as follows:

Hon Life President: Deputy Emmet Stagg T.D. M.C.C.

Chairman: Tom Dempsey

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Joint Treasurers: Willie Saults & Lenny Murphy

Club P.R.O.: Lenny Murphy 6285143

Committee: Michael Dempsey, John Saults, Patsy Byrne, Brian Farrell, Mick Hegarty, Barry Farrell, Noel Dempsey, John Thompson (Sen), Noel Mc Govern.

First Team Managers: Vincent Mc Kenna & Mark Shaw Second Team Managers: Philip Doyle & John Saults U/16 Team Managers: Michael Dempsey & John Thompson

U/13 Team Managers: Michael Murphy & Patsy Byrne An U/11 Schoolboys team is now being formed and we have gained entry to the D.D.S.L. U/11 league. A manager or managers is required for this team and any interested parties should contact club P.R.O. Lenny Murphy, Tel No: 6285143. Help is always needed with Schoolboys teams and we would hope that parents might come along to their games and encourage the boys to reap the benefit of their efforts and perhaps play a part in helping them to win some honours during the season.

Our Annual Supper Dance was held recently in The Grass-hopper Inn, Clonee, where the Player of the Year awards were presented.

First team player of the year award went to keeper Mick Mc Garry who turned in many sterling performances during the season. His safe handling and agility helped his defence gain confidence after a slow start to the season and contributed greatly to a very healthy league position and two good cup runs.

Second team player of the year award was won by centre half John O' Neill who had an excellent season. His heading ability combined with his teak tough tackling made him a formidable opponent for even the best centre forwards in the League.

Schoolboys players of the year have yet to be decided upon and will be presented shortly at a local function.

Our Senior player of the year awards were sponsored by John & Eithne Carey to whom the club are extremely grateful for their continued support.

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Sports News

To all who donated spot prizes for the Dance, a sincere thanks.

The seven-a-side tournament will be coming to a close at this time and a report with results will be included in the next issue. Games to date have been very competitive and the identity of the eventual winners will remain uncertain for some time yet.

With many local teams competing under various anonymous team titles it is always likely that some of the characters which are synonymous with the team names might make an appearance. If Bart was to make an appearance for the Simpsons or Freddie and the Elm St. Kids should come together again off screen then the outcome would have some unusual twists.

Maurice Pratt might even line out for Quinnsworth and issue Yellow Packs to the eager crowd. It is a heartening sign to see the various organisations mingle together on the different teams that are competing. While the aim is to have a very competitive tournament it is still important to retain the local connection and encourage players of other areas to compete in a very enjoyable activity.

Tournament Quarter Finals will be held on Friday 2nd August with Semi-Finals and final on Sunday 4th August. Prizes are being sponsored by Harp Lager to whom we are indebted and to Noel Brady, Clock House, for his persuasive powers in obtaining this sponsorship for us we are also thankful.



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SYMPATHIES

Husband, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Eileen Henrick (nee Sinnot), O' Neill Park, Maynooth, formerly of Coolerin, New Ross.

Wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and a large circle of friends of the late James (Jimmy) Kelly, Moyglare, Maynooth.

Mrs P. Barlow, Greenfield and Mrs Dan Newton, Greenfield on the death of their sister, Mrs Phylis Clinton in Cork.

Daughter, son-in-law, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of the late Michael Heneghan, Clonagh, Maynooth, formerly Kerdiffstown, Naas and Ballyhaine, Mayo.

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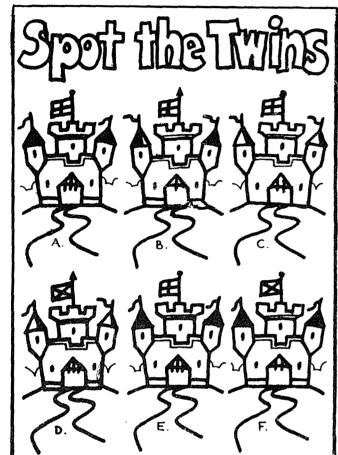


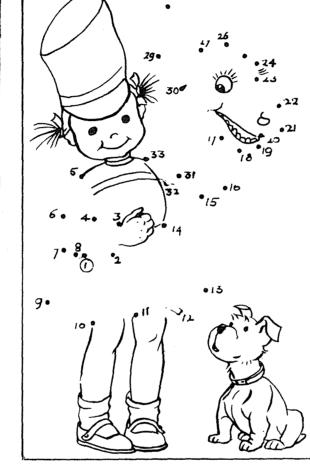


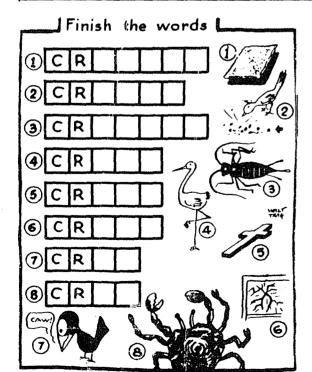


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To Patricia Cleary. Well done on your results, Let's hope the next four years are as good as this. Best wishes from the A TEAM at N.C.I.R.

To Trish - congratulations on doing so well in your exams. Lots of love - Shay.

Congratulations and best wishes to Gerard and Siobhan Burgess, Clane, who celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary on August 30th. From the Mc Govern family in Greenfield.

Congratulations to Noel and Emma Tracey, Kingsbry on the birth of a baby boy. From the Mc Govern family in Greenfield.

Belated good wishes to Mick and Mary Halligan, Station Road, Leixlip, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 27th. This comes from your family and a large circle of friends.

Congratulations to Ursula Byrne, Greenfield, Maynooth, and Eamonn Murphy, Kilwogan, Celbridge, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on June 21st.

Congratulations to Tony and Nuala Mc Ternan, Avondale, Leixlip, who celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary on July 15th. Also to Tony's brother Raymond and wife Noelle, Moyglare Village, Maynooth, who celebrated their 12th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th. Also to their brother Peter and wife Jackie, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne who celebrated their 14th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd. Also to their parents Gearoid and Ita Mc Ternan, Parson Street who celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd.

Congratulations to Paddy and Mary Nolan, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, who celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on August 4th.

Congratulations to Kevin and Kathleen Murphy, O' Neill Park, Maynooth, who also celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on August 27th.

Congratulations to Robert Murphy, Leixlip, and Deborah Denton, also Leixlip, on the occasion of their wedding on the 2nd of August. From Nanny Murphy, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Congratulations to Anne and Norman Birchall, who celebrated their 1st Wedding Anniversary on 3rd of August.

Congratulations to Tom and Marie Nolan who celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August.

Birthday Greetings

Happy 29th birthday to Gerry Scully from all at the *Newsletter*, on the 8th of August.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Mc Govern on August 22nd. Also to Michael Mc Govern, Greenfield on August 29th. From Mam. Noel. Marie, Richard and Thomas.

Happy Birthday to our dear Daddy, August 29th. From Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina, also from Mammy. Enjoy your day.

Happy Birthday to Maureen Collins, Mariaville, August 29th. From Aunt Una and family in Greenfield.

Birthday Greetings to Aoife Mc Ternan, Moyglare Village, 9 on July 1st. Also her cousins Deirdre Mc Ternan, Avondale, Leixlip, 16 on July 3rd and Ciara Mc Ternan, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, 8 on July 13th.

Happy Birthday to John Sullivan, Kilcock and C.I.E., Maynooth on July 12th.

Happy Birthday to Nicholas Donovan, Greenfield on July 3rd.

Happy Birthday to Mary Quinn, Greenfield and London on August 8th.

Happy Birthday to Clodagh Quinn, Greenfield, age 16 on August 1st.

Happy Birthday to Tony Brennan, Moyglare on July 12th.

Birthday Greetings to Harry Brady, Highfield, Kilcock on July 18th. Best wishes from Paddy and Mary, Maynooth.

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Nolan who was fourteen on the 29th of July. Love from Mammy, Daddy, Margaret, Anne and Norman.



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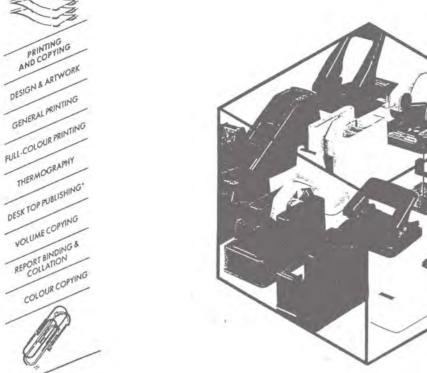


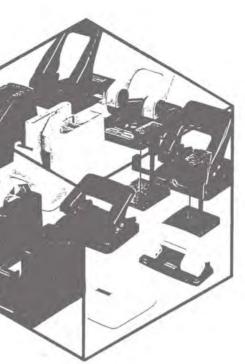
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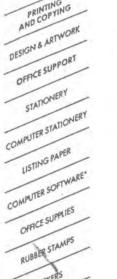
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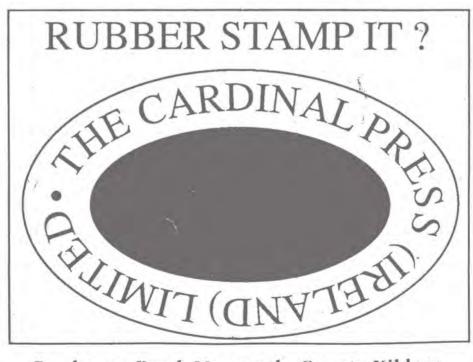


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